CBI had conducted a search of a Customs Appraiser in Mumbai. During the search of the residential premises of the officer, cash was recovered. No prosecution has been launched against the officer so far.

As regards former Chairman of the Central Board of Excise & Customs, the search was conducted in March and not in April, 2001. No prosecution has been launched against him so far.

Use of fake stamp paper by LIC

†*416. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any case relating to use of fake stamp paper by Life Insurance Corporation and thus causing a major revenue loss to Government of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons; and

(d) if not, the action proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that it has come to their knowledge that certain irregularities have been committed by the Life Insurance Corporation, Kanpur City regarding purchase of policy stamps. The matter is being inquired into by the District Authority of Stamps Department. An assessment of any revenue loss can be made only after the enquiry is completed.

(b) to (d) A departmental enquiry is being made into the alleged irregularities and action against guilty persons, if any, will taken after the enquiry is completed.

Recruitment of SC/ST Pilots

*417. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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